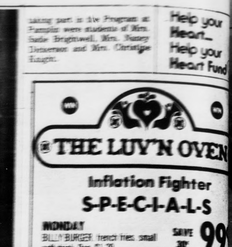

A SEMI-ABSTRACT PANEL for the National American Legion High School Oratorical Contest was held at the Appomattox County High School auditorium at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The District North District Contest will be held at Longwood College on Thursday, January 30. The winner in Farmville will represent the Fourth District in the Zone finals to be held at Chester in Southside Virginia on February. Charles Thomas Jones III, representing Prince Edward Academy, Farmville, Virginia, was declared the winner in the oral contest. Pictured above from left to right are: Carl B. Tilley, Principal of Appomattox County High School; David Langston, representing Appomattox County High School; Charles Thomas Jones III, representing Prince Edward Academy; and Joey Holland, District Representative for the American Legion.

The above pictured Pamplin Elementary School 4-H members were chosen as the winners in a recently held 4-H Public Speaking Program. These 4-Hers will compete in a county speaking program on February 4. Pictured are from row, left to right: Norman Walker, Susan Morris, and Patty Roach; and on the back row, left to right, are Tommy Williams, Jeannette Hodge, Laurie Crain and Kevin Caldwell.

taking part in the Program at Pamplin were students of Mrs. Sadie Bright[illegible], Mrs. Nancy Hemerson and Mrs. Christine Haught.

Pamplin Elementary Holds 4-H Public Speaking

On Friday, January 24, fifteen 4-H members participated in a 4-H Public Speaking. The contest was held in order for the speakers to qualify for a county contest to be held Feb. 4. Speakers chosen to compete at the County program were: 4th grader, Patty Roach "An Exciting Trip" Susan Morris "Christmas Day" and Norman Walker "My Garden". 5th grader Laurie Crain "Our Trip to Myrtle Beach" and Ken Caldwell "Camping at Crazy Horse". 6th grader, Jeanette Hodge "Friends" and Tommy Williams "Snow".

Others who participating and their topics were: Jennifer Hodge "My Installation"; Miss Baldwin "Our Trip to Natural Bridge"; Lisa Bailey "Visiting My Cousin"; Betty Glenn "The Strange Pet"; Carolyn Baldwin "Our Trip to North Carolina"; Carolyn Chandler "Babes Purse"; Angie Lieberman "Visiting My Grandma"; Jeannie Hatchett "Election in My Area"; Darlene Smith "My First Time Went Skating"; Kevin Layne "My Dog Spot"; Janet Lacey "My Trip"; Robert Harris "My Farm"; Dean Jamerson "My Dog"; Charles Walker "My Basketball Experience"; Gary McCormick "My Trip"; Mike Kinnon "My Farm"; Terry Robertson "I Want to be a Basketball Star"; Robert Jackson "My Dream"; and Christian Gardner "My Operation".

Also Angie Murray "Our Trip to Nashville, Tennessee"; Jerome Jones "Dinosaur Land"; Mike Virginia contestant "Easter Bunnies"; Annie Richardson "Little Brother"; Lynda Gordon "Being Sick"; Tammy Baldwin "My Calf"; Gail Shaver "Christmas"; Carolyn Morgan "Being a Babysitter"; Tina Adkins "My Cat"; Warren Baldwin "4-H Camp"; Jimmy Hatchettson "The Day We Spoke to the Mike"; Dale Gooper "Seaweed"; Jim Hix "Jimmy Carter"; Ann Elliot "Happiness"; Stewart Walker "Art on the Loose"; Bruce Lacey "Indian Dance"; Ann Creasman "Miss Secretary"; Miss Lemon "Journey"; Mike Hatcher "Hunting Deer"; Bruce Sanders "Famous Paintings"; Jerry Jones "Mother's Day"; the 4-H Club.

Also Doyal Franklin "A Belgian Farmer"; Joan Thomas "Peace and Love on Earth"; Crystal Ferguson "Summertime Fun"; Jonathan Pickett "A Great Day's Work"; and Tommy Toller "A New Experience".

Ribbons were awarded to all participants through the courtesy of the sponsor of 4-H Public Speaking, Farmers National Bank.

Judging the contestants were Senior 4-Hers Cindy Gulff and Steve Cawthorn, Members of the Appomattox County High School Speech Team.

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High School To Hold "Back To School" Night

The faculty and students of Appomattox County High School invites the public and especially the parents to a "back to school" night next Thursday, February 6, 1975, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

All guests are asked to report to the gym for a short briefing before grouping for departmental presentations.

Teachers and students in each department will discuss the curriculum and student progress. Machines and equipment will be demonstrated by students.

The following departments will be open for public viewing: **Agricultural Education, Business, Electronics, Distributive Education, Drafting, masonry, Physical Education, and Power Mechanics.**

In the Agricultural Education Department the following options and related labs will be discussed and demonstrated. Agricultural Machinery Sales and Service, Mr. Perrow; Agricultural Production, Mr. Torrence; Agricultural Science and Mechanics II, Mr. Waddell; and Ornamental Horticulture, Mr. Carter.

The Business Education Department will feature the following: General Business, Miss Terrell; Typing 1, Mrs. Alvis; Stenography and Related I & II, Mrs. Beamer; and Typing and Related I and II, Mrs. Holt. Machines and equipment will be demonstrated in each area.

Mr. Bryan and his students will discuss curriculum offerings and demonstrate lab equipment in Electronics and Drafting.

The Machinery course curriculum and lab work will be discussed and demonstrated by Mr. Almond and selected students.

The Distributive Education program is under the direction of Mr. Horne. Back to School night will be used to inform parents how students are trained in the field of marketing and distribution.

In the Physical Education Department the following areas of instruction will be discussed and demonstrated: Gymnastics and Tumbling, Miss Talley; Wrestling, Coach Bragg; Circuit Training, Mr. Dickerson, and Activity Room, Mrs. Martin.

Mr. Martin will discuss with the assistance of his students, the curriculum and equipment in the Power Mechanics Lab.

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[illegible]a Smith returned [illegible]and Mary College, [illegible] last Friday after [illegible]r semester break [illegible]other, Mrs. Earl [illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. Roy Lucado [illegible] with a luncheon [illegible]y. Guests were Mr. [illegible] Robert S. Harris, [illegible] Dudley, Mrs. W. [illegible]ll, Mrs. Dot Cana[illegible] N. Cunningham, [illegible] Cecil Ligon, Mrs. [illegible]rvey, Miss Merle [illegible] Clarence Welch [illegible] Mrs. J. M. Inge.

[illegible] Davis is improving [illegible] undergoing surgery [illegible] at the Lynchburg [illegible]spital.

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[illegible] Mrs. Gordon Squires [illegible] from a vacation in [illegible]ented her brother-in-[illegible] and Mrs. Roy Lucado [illegible] and.

[illegible]nnie Speer of Lake [illegible], visited relatives [illegible]

Oakville

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore had as their luncheon guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Moore of Lynchburg. Mr. Hunter Moore was dinner guest in the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Coleman are spending several days with their son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Roland Roach of Lynchburg.

Darrell Moore spent the week end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore.

Luncheon guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore was Miss Mary Anne Wheeler of Appomattox.

Jeffery Drinkard entered the hospital on Monday for a tonsillectomy.

Mrs. Alise Drinkard was overnight guest of her sister Mrs. Burnett Smith in Lynchburg Saturday night.

Michael Smith spent the week end with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson.

We pray that the sick will soon be blessed with the best of health. In fact, here's hoping that you'll feel even better than before.

Letter to the Editor

It appears as though legislation will be introduced at the next session of the Virginia General Assembly which would put our State government in the positon of operating and promoting a State "lottery."

The recent Legislative subcommittee hearings have been very disappointing, and have been noted by the lack of objectivity from the chairman. There also has been much confusion at the hearings because of the lack of understanding between the different kinds of gambling.

It seems to me that an understanding of the different kinds of gambling would help to clear the confusion. Other than illegal gambling, there are three different types of gambling: first, there is social gambling, which is personal in nature, such as a bet on a golf game or between individuals on a sports event, bingo, etc.; the second type is state-regulated such as pari-mutual betting at race tracks, where private enterprise runs the operation and the State takes a certain percentage of the money that is bet; and the third type of gambling is State-sponsored gambling such as the "lottery", where the State government actually becomes the promoter of gambling.

There are a couple of reasons why the government of the State of Virginia should not get involved in gambling. First, this type of operation is now illegal in the State (it is known as the "numbers" game) and there are people in prison for being involved in "numbers". The argument that legalizing lotteries would drive out the "numbers" operation has not been substantiated by anyone yet. That same argument was used in the State of New York to legalize Off Track Betting (OTBN) parlors. The hope was that illegal gambling and "bookies" would be driven out of business. Not only were they not driven out of business, but in 1972 illegal gambling had increased approximately 62% (reported by the New York City crime control bureau).

If the lottery legislation is passed this would mean that our State government would no longer be in a neutral position concerning the moral issue of gambling. It, in fact, would be doing just the opposite by using the promoter of lotteries and encouraging its citizens to participate in gambling. (The State would receive 50% of the money bet with the other 50% going to the winners of the lottery.) It is one thing for individuals to bet on a private basis, but a totally different situation altogether when the State government loses its neutrality by becoming the promoter of gambling.

Another reason for objecting to the "lottery" being approved by the General Assembly is that if it passes it will open up the door to the passage of the pari - mutual gambling bill, which our Attorney General has come out against because of the dangers of organized crime. It has been reported that of the 13 states which now have a state lottery, all 13 also have pari-mutual gambling.

In closing, it seems to me that the State of Virginia has no business being in the business of promoting gambling no matter what the rewards. It's still a tax no matter which way you look at it and it taxes those who can least afford it. It also communicates the "something for nothing" philosophy, which has been part of the downfall of every civilization.

I hope that the citizens of the State of Virginia, who agree with me, will let their elected representatives know how they feel about this pending legislation.

Sincerely,
Chuck Mottley, Chairman
The Va. Organization Against Government Gambling
Culpeper, Virignia 22701

VA News

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q - I'm a service disabled veteran with Veterans Administration Mortgage Life Insurance coverage on a specially adapted home. How long will I be protected under this coverage?

A - Until the mortgage is paid off, the home is sold, or until you reach age 70.

Q - I was just discharged from military service and plan to study under the GI Bill. How long do I have to complete training?

A - A law enacted in July 1974 extended GI Bill eligibility for veterans from 8 to 10 years after date of discharge. The extension also applies to eligible spouses, widows and widowers of veterans who train under the Veterans Administration Dependents' Educational Assistance program.

Q - I draw Veterans Administration compensation for a service-connected disability. Am I entitled to the agency's $150 annual clothing allowance?

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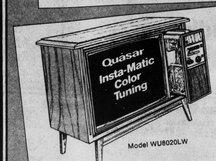

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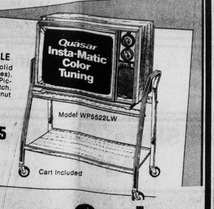

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